

REMARKS

Referring first to the election of species, applicant submits that the Examiner has not applied the proper test. The requirement for restriction is believed improper; even though there is a technical possibility that the species are different, applicant believes that, as a matter of common sense and practicality, there is now only one invention defined in Claims 1-7, 9, 10 and 26.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings because the reference numerals 80a and 92 as shown in Figs. 9 are not in the specification. Reference numeral 92 is found on page 15 of the specification. Reference numeral 80a has been removed from Fig. 9.

In addition, the Examiner has objected to the drawings on the grounds that numeral 12 shown in Fig. 10 is not in the specification. Applicant submits that reference numeral 12 is found on page 12 of the specification.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as failing to include reference numerals for certain items, namely, the axially inner portion 91, the inner portion 91a, margin 93a, and body 90(a). By this amendment, applicant has submitted an amended sheet of drawings for Figs. 8, 9 and 9a. It is believed that this amended sheet of drawings overcomes the objections made by the Examiner.

Applicant has made every effort to overcome the objections raised by the Examiner with respect to the drawings.

With respect to the specification, the Examiner has objected to certain portions of the specification. Applicant has made amendments to the specification to overcome the objections raised by the Examiner.

Applicant has also submitted an abstract for this application. It is set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

The Examiner has rejected the claims under 35 USC §112 on the grounds that the claims fail to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention. By this amendment, the applicant has amended the claims to overcome these rejections of the Examiner.

The Examiner has also rejected Claim 4 under 35 USC §102(b) under U.S. Patent No. 2,961,677 (Zecchini). Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection. Nonetheless, Claim 4 has been amended to positively recite the fact that the pad is a rotary pad by reason of having an opening to receive the spindle, etc.

Applicant has also made other revisions to the claims to overcome the rejections of the Examiner.

Applicant has made every effort to place this application in a condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

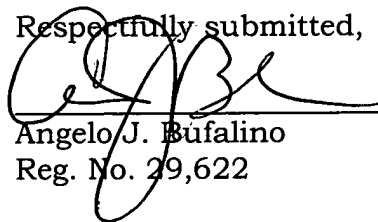
If the Examiner is of the opinion that prosecution of this application can be expedited by direct contact he is requested to call Angelo J. Bufalino at (312) 609 7850.

Dated: _____

10/31/03

Vedder Price Kaufman & Kammholz
222 N. LaSalle Street
Chicago IL 60601
(312) 609 7850

Respectfully submitted,



Angelo J. Bufalino

Reg. No. 29,622

FIG. 8

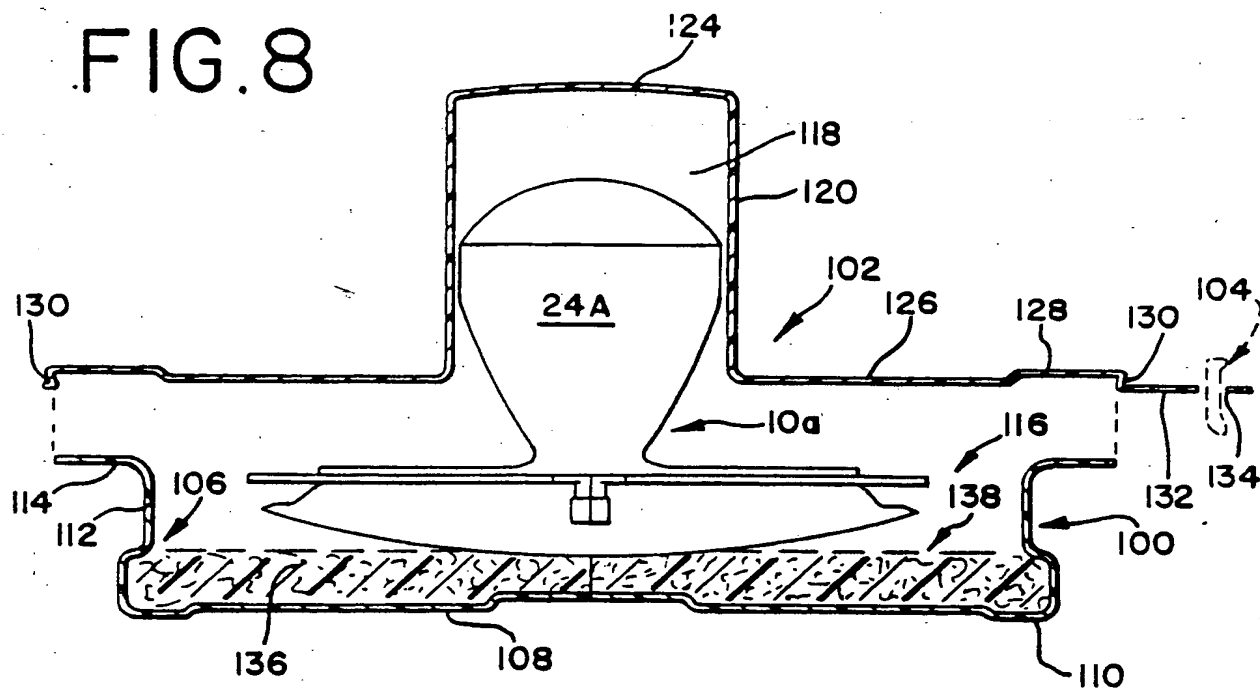


FIG. 9

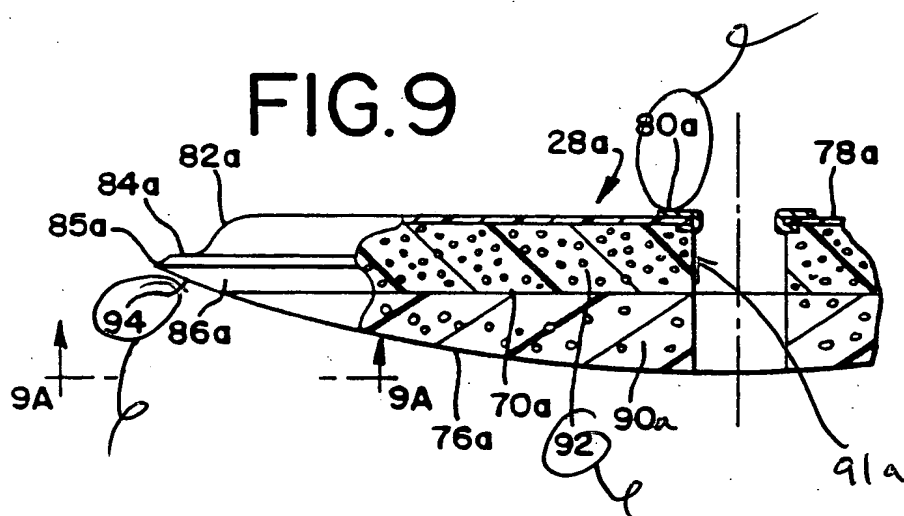


FIG. 9A

